



Docket No.: 1349.1257

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

In-gu KWAK

Serial No. 10/625,736

Group Art Unit: 2852

Confirmation No. 8060

Filed: July 24, 2003

Examiner: Peter Lee

For: IMAGE FIXING DEVICE OF IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance was forwarded in the Notice of Allowability mailed April 7, 2006.

MPEP §1302.14 states, in part:

Where specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that statements of reasons for allowance (or indication of allowable subject matter) are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow upon the claims. The examiner should keep in mind the possible misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be made and its possible estoppel effects.

The Examiner characterizes certain features of various claims. However, the Examiner has not recited the appropriate language for the appropriate claims as pending and allowed in the application.

By way of example, the Reasons refer to a heating roller. However, independent claims 5, 14 and 17 do not recite a "heating" roller.

By way of another example, the Reasons refer to the heating member being installed



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therein. However, independent claim 14 does not recite this feature. The Reasons also refer to a heat pipe of a closed tube type. However, independent claims 14 and 17 do not recite this feature.

The foregoing is merely meant to be exemplary, and does not point out all of the discrepancies between the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and the claimed features of the currently pending claims.

It is further submitted that the claims speak for themselves and should not be interpreted based on the Examiner's characterizations of same. It is also submitted that the claims provide their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance.

In summary, it is submitted that the Examiner's Statement "raises possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14) and is therefore improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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